

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING  
DEBENEDETTI PARK MODIFIED GRADING DESIGN, DIRECTING  
PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PHASED  
IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE  
CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE DEBENEDETTI PARK/BASIN G  
ROUGH GRADING WITH A.M. STEPHENS CONSTRUCTION, INC.,  
AND FURTHER APPROPRIATING FUNDS

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WHEREAS, City Council awarded the contract for the DeBenedetti Park/Basin G Rough Grading to A.M. Stephens Construction Company, Inc., on December 17, 2003. The project consisted of the excavation, rough grading, and export of material from the DeBenedetti Park site and also included site fencing, mowstrips, rip-rap, and other drainage related work; and

WHEREAS, the original contract completion date was October 31, 2006. A.M. Stephens Construction Company requested additional time to complete the excavation and rough grading of the park, and the contract completion date was extended to December 31, 2008. The contract has been suspended to May 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission, at its meetings of November 6, 2008 and March 12, 2009, approved a modified grading design of DeBenedetti Park, which would trade 3.3 acres between play field and storm drainage, make the storm drain area ten feet shallower, and simultaneously provide for phased improvements to DeBenedetti Park. Without modifications to the storm drain area, the 30-foot storm drain basin will remain permanently; and

WHEREAS, as modified, the park and storm drainage construction costs are estimated to be \$14 million in contrast to the existing plan that would cost \$18 million to construct. Included in the construction cost savings is a reduction in pump station construction costs estimated to be \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that A. M. Stephens Construction Company receive a five-month extension on the contract to complete the modified grading plan. The contract would require A.M. Stephens Construction Company to remove approximately 57,000 cubic yards of dirt from the 3.3 acre high ground and place it in the bottom of the existing basin, thereby decreasing the depth of the basin by 10 feet. Included in the City's compensation to A. M. Stephens Construction Company are added costs for weed and dust control; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the work, the City will be able to proceed with park and storm drainage improvements in the park and the basin. The initial phase of improvements comprises turf and irrigation at the north side of the park that would be installed in Fall 2009 or Spring 2010 resulting in the creation of three new playing fields; and

WHEREAS, approval by the City Council of the modified grading design will remove 3.3 acres from the original park conceptual development plan. As a result of the shift in acres from park use to storm drainage basin, the overall project development cost split will change from 53%/47% to 50%/50% (park vs. storm drainage) and transfers between the impact fee accounts will be made to reconcile past expense to the new cost split.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the DeBenedetti Park modified grading design; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby direct the preparation of plans and specifications for phased improvements at DeBenedetti Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with A. M. Stephens Construction Company, Inc., of Lodi, California, for the DeBenedetti Park/Basin G Rough Grading in the amount of \$163,000 and granting a five-month contract extension for the purpose of regrading the storm drain basin area of the park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds in the amount of \$180,000 be appropriated from the Parks and Recreation Impact Mitigation Fee Fund and the Storm Drain Impact Mitigation Fee Fund for the project.

Dated: May 6, 2009

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2009-57 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held May 6, 2009, by the following votes:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Johnson, Katzakian, Mounce, and Mayor Hansen

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

  
RANDI JOHL  
City Clerk